

SENATE BILL 2161

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38
and Title 49, relative to campus police and public
safety officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-101(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Full-time police officer" means any person employed by any municipality, or political subdivision of the state of Tennessee whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime, and the apprehension of offenders, and whose primary source of income is derived from employment as a police officer; or any campus police officer or public safety officer as defined by § 49-7-118;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-107(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) The commission shall also issue a certificate of compliance to any person employed as a campus police officer or public safety officer as defined by § 49-7-118; provided, that such person meets the qualifications for employment as a police officer and satisfactorily completes an approved recruit training program as required by this part. To retain such certification, the campus police officer or public safety officer shall also successfully complete an annual in-service training session appropriate for the officer's rank and responsibilities.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-301, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

§ 38-8-301.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Agency" means any municipality, county or campus law enforcement agencies employing campus police or public safety officers pursuant to § 49-7-118; and

(2) "Police officer" means police officer as defined by law, including but not limited to, any campus police officer or public safety officer as defined by § 49-7-118; however, this part shall exclude chiefs of police and sheriffs and any probationary member of any agency affected by this part.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.